

Translation of the top of p. 37 in Prober, Counterfeits and Counterfeiters of Brazil.

In an article from the Aurora dated 24 September 1834 the editor observes:

"We are informed by a letter from a reliable source that there are currently in the U.S.A. four establishments dedicated to the coinage of Brazilian copper. One is in Belleville in the state of New Jersey, belonging to the firm Stephens, Thomas & Fuller; the other one is in Bloomfield in the same state belonging to Moffat & Wolfenden; another in Newark, and another one in the city of New York. It is said the main establishment is the one of Messrs. Stephen, Thomas & Fuller which has more than 20 workers just for that function and there are 3 coining machines working night and day, each one of which can produce 1444 dozens of coins of 80 and 40 reis in 24 hours.

Figuring that one half of the total coins would be of 80 reis and the other half is 40 reis (although they have assured us that the majority is of 80 reis) the result will be that the sum of reis 3:110\$400 daily which will cost the owners of the establishment nearly 1/4th of the value by which they circulate in Brazil. "

It alleges that the copper is introduced primarily in Rio Grande do Nord where smuggling is easier than in the big cities.

20 reis have probably been coined also as they are in the same frequency dated 1827 to 1831. Mint mark "R".